

Appendix 1 - Housing Benefit changes proposed to be replicated within the scheme and potential numbers affected by these changes

- 1) Up-rating of some Personal Allowances will be frozen for 4 years.
- 2) Backdating of claims due to good cause reduced from 26 weeks to 4 weeks.
- 3) The Family Premium will not be awarded for new claims made after April 2016 or where a child is born after April 2016.
- 4) The Dependent Allowance will not be awarded for a third or subsequent child born after April 2017 (certain circumstances are excluded from this).

Table 1- Potential number of claimants affected by Replicating HB Changes

Proposed change	Claimants impacted by change	Potential financial Impact
Freezing up-ratings of standard personal allowances from April 2016	Around 2000 claimants (only those not in receipt of maximum support would be impacted)	Loss of increased support per week Examples Single person - 14p Couple - 23p Couple 1 child 34p Couple 2 children 45p
Reducing backdating to 4 weeks from April 2016	Around 20 claimants impacted (based on 2014/15 data of claimants who made a claim for backdated support)	In 2014/15 there were 138 weeks of backdated support granted over 4 weeks. Average entitlement of £13.21 per week
Family premium not applied to new claims or where a new child is born after April 2016	Around 60 claims (based on 2014/15 data of claims that would meet the criteria)	Families who met the criteria could lose up to a maximum amount of £3.49 per week
No personal allowance added for a third/ subsequent child born after April 2017	Around 35 claims (based on 2014/15 data of claims that would meet the criteria)	Families who met the criteria could lose up to a maximum amount of £13.38 per week (families could still have a minimum income of upto £248.65 per week and still qualify for maximum support (this level of income is based on the family premium no longer being awarded)

*Potential numbers estimated from previous years data.